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CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION.

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY.

FIRST SESSION.

TUESDAY, Oct. 19, 1875, 2 P. M.

The General Convention assembled at the above hour in the Christian chapel, at the corner of Eighth and Walnut sts. Louisville, Ky., and was opened by appropriate religious services conducted by the President, Isaac Errett, of Ohio, who read the 60th chapter of Isaiah, and called on James Challen to lead the Convention in prayer.

After singing, the President announced that the Convention was ready for business. On motion a Committee on Credentials was formed, consisting of W. T. Maupin, Illinois; J. H. Hardin, Missouri; M. L. Streator, Pennsylvania.

The enrollment then proceeded, and was continued from day to day, with the following result:

DELEGATES.

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Missouri.—J. W. Mountjoy, J. H. Hardin, J. H. Garrison, Enos Campbell.

Pennsylvania.—W. L. Hayden, M. L. Streator.

Tennessee.—David Walk, W. E. Hall.

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On motion, Bro. W. E. Hall, of Tennessee, was admitted as a delegate from that State, which is not regularly organized.

Motion being made and carried to appoint a committee on Order of Business, the following committee was appointed by

the Chair: J. S. Lamar, Kentucky; David Walk, Pennsylvania; Robert Moffett, Ohio; E. L. Frazer, Indiana; J. H. Garrison, Missouri.

On motion of A. I. Hobbs, the following resolution was adopted:—All persons present from other religious bodies are invited to participate in the deliberations of this convention.

The President then introduced Bro. G. H. Ball, editor of the Baptist Union, and J. L. Phillips, a missionary returned from India, to the Convention.

The committee on Order of Business presented the following partial report for the afternoon:

1. Report of Board of Managers.
2. Appointment of usual committees.
3. Adjourn at 4.30 P. M.
4. At 7 P. M. Social meeting.
5. At 7.30 P. M. President's address.

The General Secretary of the Convention, Thomas Munnell, of Kentucky, then read the report of the Board of Managers as follows:—

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

BRETHREN OF THE CONVENTION:—The twenty-sixth anniversary of our General Convention is at hand. Though not all we have desired, the results of the year have by no means cast us down. The aggregate of moneys raised for missionary purposes since our last convention is $68,147.86; the whole number of additions by missionary effort, 3,847; new churches established, 40.

The whole amount of money raised for missions, since the general organization was effected in this house six years ago, is $377,538.66; the whole number of additions, 36,099; new churches established, about 200. The missions among the colored people in Alabama, Mississippi and Texas, and the Bible School in Louisville were started and have been directly under the care and support of the same organization.

The valuable labors of the General Sunday School Secretary, whose annual report will be made to this convention, were also inaugurated by this convention.

Largely under its inspirations have been started several State Sunday School organizations, the Woman's Board of Missions, as well as the project of the Stock Company now on foot to found the Southern Christian Institute in Mississippi, for the benefit of the freedmen. Besides these things, much important information as to the condition and wants of our cause, unknown before, has been gained by the traveling of our evangelists in destitute regions. The necessity of Scriptural evangelists to "set in order the things that are wanting" is now a growing conviction among us; an increasing sense of their personal responsibility for the success of our missions is settling deep into the hearts of the ministry, and a feeling of oneness of the whole

brotherhood, as year by year each State appoints its delegates to attend the general gathering of the church. Nor can it be denied that a deeper and deeper conviction as to the necessity of conventions for mutual counsel is being fastened upon the minds of all. Even in the midst of partial failures in our mission work, no man suggests the abandonment of our conferences, but the reverse. Every paper favorable to our work, and some that are not, have been filled for weeks with notices of conventions—General, State, District and County—accompanied with the most cogent exhortations and encouragements to press onward. These happy results of our general organization, both direct and indirect, may well assure us we are doing good, and should urge us right along through obstructions that occasionally will be met in every good work. If we have not done all we desired the past year in some respects, in other respects we have done well. A non-fruitbearing year is always a year of growth in the woody fiber of the tree that will enable it to swing a heavier load through other years; and there is no doubt that a wholesome dissatisfaction with what we have not done often furnishes the aliment of our strength for years to come.

The report for the year by States as to money and additions is as follows:

	Money.	Additions.
Ohio	$14,159 50	320
Kentucky	3,729 77	600
Illinois	21,649 68	691
New York	2,614 27	78
Nebraska	360 00	54
Iowa	1,154 00	.....
Missouri	1,000 00	75
Kansas	.....	.....
Indiana	11,067 18	349
Michigan	749 00	336
West Virginia	300 00	385
Virginia	2,457 00	427
Pennsylvania	2,003 00	388
Mississippi	500 00	26
Minnesota	1,081 78	
Southern missions	.....	330
Rushville, Ind., sisters	50 00	.....
Recording Secretary's report	5,232 23	.....
M. H. Bacon's bequest	507 36	.....
Total	$68,147 86	3,847

In the absence of more detailed reports of labor from all States, we submit those of several States to show the varied operations of our boards of mission through the year.

Nebraska, where, when the General Board began to work, there were only two little churches, now reports through her State evangelist for the last year:

Number of missionary additions last year	54
Children in Sunday School	1,545
Teachers in Sunday Schools	136
Conversions in Sunday Schools	25
Papers in Sunday Schools	369
Paid for preaching	$3,374 52
Paid for all purposes	5,913 16
Value of church property	17,285 00

Illinois' report for the year in home missions is—

New meeting-houses	6
New congregations	8
Number of additions	691
Paid for County work	$3,754 40
Paid for Peoria Mission	1,052 00
Paid for Lexington Mission	255 00
Paid for Sixth District Mission	437 05
Paid for State evangelist	1,501 21
Paid for mission meeting-houses	14,253 46
Paid for in all	21,649 68

To these we might add the detailed reports of Ohio, Iowa and Pennsylvania, but another year we will be able to have the sum total of all the States tabulated together in due form. And yet such tabular statements, though necessary, no more represent all that has been done than a portrait represents the living person whom it tries to shadow forth. The life current, the pulse, the affections and the soul are all but poorly represented in the picture. So the joy, the soul-building, the gladness and thanksgiving to God inspired in ten thousand hearts by our sermons, prayer-meetings, conventions and labors from house to house, appear but dimly in these condensed reports. Among the good results of Christian benevolence Paul counted "the abundant thanksgivings to God" from those who are benefited. We rejoice to know that the good that is done for many a pious heart, and that can never be expressed in figures and columns, will not be forever concealed. In the last four years Indiana alone established forty-nine churches by missionary labor, an average of twelve every year. And in twenty-three years Ohio has organized one hundred and thirty-two churches, averaging six every year from the very start. And had we the statistics of all our missionary operations in all the States from the first it would make a record of which we would not be ashamed, and of which those who have struggled on through every difficulty will not be ashamed when the Lord comes.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

Received by the General Board from all sources during the year, including nothing from the State reports		$5,232 23
Paid Prof. P. H. Morse	$881 85	
Paid Recording Secretary, four years' services	100 00	
Paid Elder George Owen	397 92	
Paid Cor. Secretary	2,029 23	
Paid Wm. Brooks	25 00	
Paid Cor. Secretary	237 41	
Paid N. Rickmond	50 00	
Paid L. Wood (the Rushville sisters)	50 00	
Paid J. S. Hughes	35 40	
Paid Bible School (incidentals)	37 16	
Paid Chase & Hall, pr. minutes 2 yrs. blanks, etc.	645 65	
Paid Treasurer for investment (Bacon fund)	507 36	
Paid W. S. Dickinson (order from Prof. Morse)	90 00	
Balance due Prof. Morse on salary for the year '74 and '75		$368 15
Balance due boarding students		38 00
Balance due Elder George Owen		185 41
Balance due Wm. Brooks		74 35
W. T. Moore's expenses to Free Baptist Convention		50 00
For travel, postage, stationery, etc		487 29
		$1,765 83

To pay this we have only $364 20 on hand, leaving an indebtedness of $1,401 63 wholly unprovided for.

The bequest of Bro. Madison Bacon, formerly of Painesville, Ohio, now deceased, was paid over when received to the Corresponding Secretary last May, amounting to $507 36. It is hereby gratefully acknowledged as a gift of love. It has been invested by the Treasurer. The interest alone is to be used for missionary purposes, and will be reported annually as proceeds of the Bacon fund. During the past year between five and six thousand dollars more have been promised in bequests, chiefly through the agency of J. S. Hughes, making in all about $26,000 in legacies to this Board. Much more attention will hereafter be given to this department, as there are many pious people who desire to project their financial life far into the future for Jesus Christ.

The Bible school for colored ministers in Louisville, Ky., completed its second year successfully, and has entered upon its third. The following report from the Local Board will represent its present condition and prospects:

LOUISVILLE, Oct. 4, 1875.

Elder Thomas Munnell, Secretary General Missionary Convention:

DEAR SIR:—As Secretary of the Local Board, I beg leave to make the following report in regard to the colored Bible school:

The number of matriculants for the session of 1874–5 was 23. The average number in attendance was 19. The progress made by the students in their studies has been satisfactory. The discipline of the school and conduct of the pupils have been good. We feel greatly encouraged by the good already accomplished through this instrumentality.

Several of the students have been preaching acceptably during the vacation, but I desire especially to mention the success of Bro. H. J. Braboy, of Alabama, who reports by letter that he has received into the Church about 175 members. The prospects for the present session we deem good, although the students have been late in coming in, reporting the necessity for labor in order to secure themselves or families against want.

We suggest that a separate building be rented, in order to further the interests of the school, as some dissatisfaction exists at present. We regret that we can not make a favorable financial report. The minutes of the last convention show a deficit as to expenses, and the amounts received from all sources during the year just closed have but little exceeded one-half of the Professor's salary.

The success of the enterprise, even its existence, is being hazarded by the want of money.

The Professor, in addition to balance of salary, presents a bill of about $38 for board furnished by him to pupils during the time they were without homes. Respectfully submitted,

WM. BAILEY.

BIBLE SCHOOL FINANCES.

Received from General Board, Cincinnati	$70 00
W. A. Broadhurst, Eminence	11 00
General Board, Cincinnati	25 00
General Board, Cincinnati	20 00
B. B. Tyler, Frankfort, Ky	5 50
I. B. Grubbs, Mayslick, Ky	10 00

I. B. Grubbs, from W. L. Crutcher, Frankfort	5 00
Beargrass Church, Jefferson County, Ky	10 00
Winchester Church, by Mr. Grubbs	10 00
General Board, Cincinnati	75 50
General Board, Cincinnati	50 00
I. B. Grubbs, from Mt. Bird Church	10 00
General Board, Cincinnati	25 00
General Board, Cincinnati	50 00
Lexington (Ky.) Main St. Church	24 00
General Board. Cincinnati.	70 25
I. B. Briney, Maysville, Ky	9 00
Amount collected by M. A. Malotte	68 31
Kentucky State Convention, I. B. Grubbs	12 05
Amount collected by L. Read	5 00
	$565 61

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By amount paid Prof. Morse	$528 45	
" " F. A. Crump	12 85	
" " Malotte (commission)	17 06	
" " L. Read "	1 25	
" " for coal	6 00	
		$565 61

Besides the above amounts, there have been paid to Prof. Morse $353 40 this last year, making in all paid to him $881 85, leaving a balance due him for 1875 of $118 15, which, with a balance on the previous year of $250, leaves $368 15 due him June 15, 1875.

Yours, WILLIAM BAILEY.

We earnestly recommend the permanent establishment of this school in some way, inasmuch as the most direct means of reaching the colored people is through an intelligent Christian ministry of their own race. We find the number greatly reduced this year on account of the poor accommodations we are able to afford them and the lack of means to support the Professor and pay incidental expenses. We suggest that a competent committee be appointed to report its condition and wants to this Convention, and to make such recommendation as the case demands.

The mission among the colored people in Mississippi has been carried forward with considerable success. Elder Levin Woods, colored evangelist, has been partly supported by the sisters of Rushville, Ind., and has labored all through the year. The Board sustained Elder Geo. Owen in that field also for several months of the past year. They gained seventy-three additions and organized two churches. After this it was thought best for him to return to Illinois to raise stock in the proposed "Southern Christian Institute." The rapid growth of our missions among the people in the South compelled attention to their educational wants, particularly as to an intelligent and capable ministry. The Corresponding Secretary visited Mississippi with this end in view. A proposition having been made to raise a stock company to furnish the means for, and to manage an institution of learning in Mississippi for this purpose, said Secretary was authorized by the Board to spend sufficient time to secure a liberal charter from the Mississippi Legislature and the organization of the company. The desired charter was readily granted last session, under which a Board of Commissioners was appointed to raise the minimum

amount of $10,000, after which a Board of Trustees will be elected by the stockholders, and the "Southern Christian Institute" regularly organized. That sum is being raised. Meanwhile it was thought best to start a preparatory school this fall, that a year's experience might be gained before buying property and permanently locating the institution; and we are happy to announce that Brother and Sister Faurot, of Michigan, so well known to our people, and so well adapted to a heroic enterprise like this, will in a few weeks start for Mississippi to inaugurate the work on the ground. This movement is mentioned here because of its having grown out of our Southern missions, and because of its bearings upon the permanent prosperity of our work among this people. "They must have the Bible and the power to read it," and to this end must have an intelligent and pious ministry of their own color, or our missions there will be endangered.

Other schools must be established in other States, conducted by pious Christian men and women, to teach them the Scriptures and deliver them from religious superstition, and from Jesuit diplomacy, which seeks first to effect their conversion and then to command their votes.

The Alabama mission was supported one year, and from the stimulus thus given to the work it has rolled along of itself all the past year, and has added 220 to their churches, has largely increased their ministerial force, and completed several new houses of worship.

Nicholas Rickmond, colored, was sent to Texas in May, 1874, and labored under the direction of your Board one year, after which our treasury being low, the colored brethren there undertook his support themselves. He organized three new churches, added sixty to their numbers, and, as a true evangelist, set in order many things that were wanting among them. We find that in many cases when we support a mission only for a year or two it stimulates their home forces and releases our funds for other places.*

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We come now to state the facts that have brought us to our present position in reference to foreign missions, to which we invite special attention. It will be remembered that during the sessions of our last convention several informal meetings were held by individuals to consider the possibilities of our planting a mission in some foreign land. It was thought improbable that the general board, with its other obligations upon it, would for some time have means to enter upon such a work. A committee was therefore appointed to see what could be done in the way of forming a foreign missionary society that would in no sense be in the way of the general convention, but rather supplement its work. This committee soon after issued circulars to many interested brethren, laying the whole matter before them, and obtained pledges for that purpose. But during the last hours of the convention a resolution was passed directing your board also to "adopt measures at once to establish one or more foreign missions. As this was done after many of the delegates had gone home, and without any discussion, and as the board soon found that it would be impossible for them to carry out the order for some time to come, they held several conferences with the committee, which resulted in the appointment of a joint committee to see what preparations could be made by the time

*Since writing the above we are sorry to hear of the death of Bro. Rickmond, in Matagorda County, Texas, about the middle of September. He was a faithful and pious minister of Christ, and deserves a proper notice in this Convention.

of the convention. That committee is present and ready to make their report, and we recommend that some time be allotted to the consideration of the same.

We deem it due to ourselves and to the convention now to give our main reasons for being willing to consider the question of a foreign society, and in the same words to view once more the great wants of our cause in the United States. Besides the evident lack of means in the general treasury to carry on both home and foreign work, there is another reason that outweighs all the rest. It is here mentioned not only to justify a special effort for foreign missions, but to insist that public sentiment in the ministry and in the churches should sustain our effort in these directions. The great wants referred to are:

First—Efficient means of edification in nearly all our country churches. We have no words of despondency to utter over our wants, and hope no more discouraging speeches will be made in our conventions. Like men, we should consider the fact that, except in a few of the more Eastern States, New York particularly, about one-half of our churches are without even monthly preaching. Out of over five hundred churches in Kentucky, two hundred and fifty have no regular preaching and no regular meetings. Out of seven hundred and thirty in Illinois, four hundred and ten have not even monthly preaching; and out of fifty-one in Nebraska, thirty-one are thus destitute. A number of other States would show no better record. And, what makes the status of things the more significant, is the fact that the Baptists, who, like ourselves, have never adopted any efficient means to meet this want, are to-day, after their long experience, in not much better condition than we are, having, according, to their own accounts, about fifty per cent. of all their churches entirely pastorless. This shows that it is an evil that is not likely to cure itself by time. Would it not be better for our State and general boards all to turn their chief attention to our destitute churches for the present, instead of to the world, and to make reports of the number of weak congregations supplied with a ministry, and of the work done by said ministry in said churches, and of other means of edification? So it seems to us and so we advise.

Second—The second great want of our cause in the United States is, help for the weaker States and Territories. The Episcopalian "missionary bishop" in Colorado has in the last eight years established forty little churches in that State, averaging five every year. There are disciples scattered all over the same territory whom a Christian evangelist could, like Titus, "set in order," develop their means, put up houses of worship, prevent their wandering about as sheep without a shepherd, and in a few years establish scores of congregations where now we have but two or three that we know of. Town lots for meeting-houses could be secured for nothing, that in a few years will cost hundreds if not thousands. What is needed in Colorado is needed in all the new and Southern States. Arkansas has between one and two hundred churches. They have for years, both as individuals and as conventions in certain sections, been asking for help. The help most needed is a thorough-going evangelist, who could develop their own resources by inducing the congregations to group themselves in little co-operations here and there to support laborers among them, and in various ways develop their religious life. But such an evangelist for the State needs a support which if we could only partly supply the work could go on. The weak and staggering churches need a ministry above all things, which our past experience

as well as that of the Baptists, fully shows will not be supplied without some direct effort to supply it. In this work we think we can soon begin to accomplish something, if we are not required to undertake the foreign work also. Such are the main reasons that haved ruled our judgments in this case.

To meet these and other demands of the world, and also to start more liberal ideas of giving, we suggest that this convention recommend to all the brotherhood the raising of a *Centennial fund* for missions, according to whatever plan each State board may adopt. If means are raised also for colleges, orphan schools, or money to pay off church debts, or other benevolences which their respective agents will see to, they could all be added to make up the sum total of our Centennial fund to be reported at our next general convention. The national Centennial is being made the occasion of special effort by many religious people, and it is right that we should avail ourselves of the impulse it gives to the public mind. The gain in such a movement would consist not only in the larger amount of means to work with this year, but in inaugurating an era of more liberal giving to the Lord hereafter.

We recommend that a special committee be appointed to report to this convention as to whether we shall or shall not make an extraordinary effort this year in this direction, according to methods to be decided upon by the boards.

But—more important still—while we are laboring for more money, why not also make a simultaneous effort in all the States for a great revival of religious life in the churches, and for the conversion of unusual numbers to God? Last year the papers reported over 30,000 additions to the church, and it is probable that at least 10,000 more were not reported in any paper. Would that the home and missionary ministry would so unite their labors that we could as a people not only present a centennial offering to God at our next convention of hundreds of thousands of dollars, but also of one hundred thousand converts to Christ, and of the building up of hundreds of weak churches in their most holy faith. And why not try to make such spiritual sacrifices and offerings as well as offerings in money? Its being unusual is surely no objection to it. The ministry of every county might meet, look over the field, arrange for helping every weak church, for preaching to the world in every school-house in their respective counties, and do all this by the home missionary without drawing on the missionary treasury for anything. Such a consecration to God for one year only would increase our spiritual life and lift us above many little questions and frictions that are only wasting our time and keeping us from the real business of life.

It will not be necessary, as heretofore, for the corresponding secretary to devote much time to the establishment and support of State and district organizations, so that the most of his time can be given directly to the proposed centennial movements, if agreed to as recommended above.

The work of the Secretary the past year has consisted partly in one month's labor in Missouri helping the State work to start; one month in Illinois for the same purpose; two months soliciting for the freedmen; raising, by personal effort, nearly all the funds that came into the general treasury for other purposes; doing nearly all the correspondence through the year in reference to the proposed foreign missions; nearly all the business as to the Southern Christian Institute—its charter, its agents, and its teachers; helping to arrange for

next year's work in most of the States; attending twenty-two State and district conventions; keeping the necessary articles and notices in all the papers; preparing and issuing all the blanks and circulars; preaching nearly one hundred sermons; attending to a heavy miscellaneous correspondence every month, besides the regular board meetings, conferences with State evangelists and informal counsels uncounted.

The questions we ask the convention specially to consider are the Bible School, the centennial fund, and that of a general effort to mightily revive the cause of God in our midst.

Such, in brief, is a statement of what has been done the past year, and such the work we would project for the future. Although the financial condition of the country has checked the flow of benevolence for religious purposes in all denominations, and has certainly cut down our resources to less than half what it would have been under ordinary circumstances, we see no cause for discouragement. True bravery thrives on difficulties. At a time when nearly all business interests are suffering, our brethren, of course, can not be prosperous, and in such cases it is wisest to accept the situation and wait the revival of trade. Meanwhile we believe that an earnest effort this year in behalf of our work will realize a very large increase over any previous year of our missionary history.

We especially commend to our brethren the work of foreign missions in some way, as a means of awakening the missionary spirit for home as well as foreign fields. Our efforts at home missions, spending so large a percentage of all our money on the fields near where it was raised, has tended to contract the views of the churches as to the world-wide commission given us by Jesus Christ himself. We are satisfied that a thriving *foreign* work will prove the best practical educator of our people in the missionary spirit, both at home and abroad. Let our hearts leap over the frontiers of district and neighborhood selfishness, let us put our hearts and our treasures in other lands, from which we may often hear of the horrors and hardships of heathen life, and of their great need of salvation through Christ, and we will more fully realize the spirit of the great foreign Missionary sent out from heaven to earth. For this cause thank we God without ceasing for the enterprise of our sisters in the common faith, whose present undertaking we so earnestly recommended in our report three years ago when the convention last met in this house. We hope still to encourage and "help those women who labor with us in the gospel," and ask all the sisters of the States everywhere to unite with them in their noble effort to do good.

We hope the coming year to see our whole enterprise placed upon a higher plane of Christian activity. Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, and Pennsylvania have already determined upon raising a Centennial fund for missions, and Indiana and Pennsylvania have determined upon an earnest effort for a revival in every county in the States—a revival both of spiritual life in the churches, and in the conversion of thousands to the Son of God. Let every State, district, and county come to the front and at once begin the battle of faith in uncommon earnestness and prayerfulness. This is no time for melancholy speeches, for poverty pleading in the churches, nor for indecision on the part of the ministry. All there is in us of Christianity and true manhood will be called into service, and happy will he be who, when tried, will not be found wanting.

We can not close this review of the year without returning our

humble thanks to Him who has been our help in every time of need. Nothing but a living faith in him who promised us eternal life at the end, could ever have made us willing to assume the cares and the toils, the weariness and painfulness that are incident to our position almost every day in the year. But after we have done all, we claim to be only unprofitable servants, and will gladly accept our heavenly rest as the sure gift of the grace of God.

By order of the Board.

THOMAS MUNNELL, *Cor. Secretary.*

The Report was referred as follows: That part referring to a Centennial fund was given to the following committee:—J. H. Garrison, J. C. Milles, R. Moffett, J. B. Bowman, and W. L. Hayden.

That referring to Freedmen's Missions to the following committee:—A. I. Hobbs, W. Logan Williams, R. M. Bishop.

That referring to the Louisville Bible School to the following committee:—I. B. Grubbs, H. R. Pritchard, Wm. Rowzee.

That referring to the "Revival of Spiritual Life" to the following committee:—Enos Campbell, B. B. Tyler, L. B. Wilkes, J. L. Parsons, W. T. Maupin.

That referring to the condition of the Churches to the following committee: James Challen, F. G. Allen, J. S. Sweeney, T. Munnell, J. Z. Tyler.

That referring to "Our Dead" to the following committee:—A. F. Smith, G. T. Carpenter, J. W. McGarvey.

That referring to the Christian Women's Mission, as follows: Thomas Munnell, A. E. Myers, W. H. Lape, H. S. Earl, and M. L. Streator.

Short speeches were called for and were responded to by brethren James Challen, J. S. Lamar, G. H. Ball and J. L. Phillips.

The convention adjourned, at 4.30. Benediction by Wm. Rowzee.

EVENING SESSION—TUESDAY.

The evening hours were occupied first by Social services led by brother H. S. Earl. These services were participated in by a large number of brethren and were fervent and impressive.

After singing the words of the hymn commencing—

"From all that dwell below the skies,"

The convention was addressed by the President, who took the words of Ecclesiastes x: 10 as the sentiment of his address, "If

the iron be blunt, and he do not whet the edge, then must he put to more strength; but wisdom is profitable to direct."

The Committee on the Order of Business reported as follows for Wednesday A. M.

1. Social meeting from 8.30 to 9 A. M. to be led by Bro. W. J. Loos.
2. Continued enrollment.
3. Reports of Committees.
4. Report of Trustees on Hymn Book.
5. Report of the General Secretary on Sunday Schools.
6. Miscellaneous Business.
7. Adjourn at 12 o'clock and meet again at 2 P. M.

The report was adopted.

The Convention then adjourned. Benediction by W. K. Pendleton.

WEDNESDAY, 8.30 A. M.

The social services were led by W. J. Loos, of Kentucky, and were participated in by many brethren.

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous sessions which were approved.

The Order of Business was then taken up.

The report of the General Sunday School Secretary, was read as follows:—

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY.

Dear Brethren:—We have reason to be profoundly grateful to our Heavenly Father for the privileges we enjoy here to-day. The year that has passed since we met in Annual Convention has been one of wonderful activity in the field, on the condition of which I have the honor to report to you. Whatever may be affirmed of the effects of the drouth on other soil, or of indifference or laziness in other fields of human thought and labor, we feel that we can truly say that there has been greater activity, and more real progress in our Sunday-school work than in any previous year of our history as a religious people. Everywhere godly men and women have been busy in their endeavors to prepare themselves to "bring up the children in the nurture and discipline of the Lord." What if some of the efforts are not "first-class," and some of them very crude in conception and execution, the grand fact is established by more than a thousand competent witnesses that progress has been made, and that progress of a character superior to anything we have heretofore been able to report. This is true generally of every department of our Sunday-school work. Much of this progress can be fairly attributed to the power of Christian association.

Individual effort is always to be encouraged, but it was never "good for man to be alone." The law of his being demands that he shall have a help-meet. Associated effort is needed, and during the year just past impulses have been received, courage derived, strength gathered, and valuable lessons learned from the counsel, sympathy, words, example, and experience of our associates in this work. We do not and we ought not to live each by himself, and for himself, as disciples of Christ. "No man lives to himself and no man dies to himself," is Heaven's law. Each one's uttered prayer is peculiar to him who utters it; each one's plan for work may bear the impress of his own mind, yet each has helped all the rest, and by bearing his own proper burden, he has helped to bear that of others also. Aggressiveness as well as power has been manifested on all hands. Multitudes have realized as never before that these times are not times for selfishness or idleness, but rather times when brave hea[illegible] ready hands must dare, and strike down the "enemy of all rig[illegible]ess."

The Gospel of God is the weapon with which [illegible]ack is made, and our marching forces supplied with evincible power. "Grim superstitions, hoary idolatries, the man of sin who exalts himself as God, spiritual Babylon, the arch-enemy and his angelic minions, one and all, are to go down before the simple, sublime, divinely powerful Gospel of the Son of God." The power of associated effort in the teacher's meeting, in the family circle, in all Church enterprises, is felt on every hand in the increase in Bible study and investigation. We answer with an unhesitating affirmation the question often anxiously asked, "Is the Sunday-school agency increasing the general study of the Bible?" More sanctified talent is at work to-day in the preparation of Bible lessons for young and old than in any previous year of the modern Sunday-school. It is true that there are many attempts at teaching and preparation that show but little progress, but then the attempt has been made to do something, and such efforts are never entire failures.

Another question already hinted at deserves more than a passing notice. It is this, "Does the organized effort at Sunday-school work promote the number and efficiency of individual schools?" I believe I state what has been the experience of every field worker in all the States when I say that the number of schools has more than doubled through the influence of organized effort in the institute, normal class, and convention—whether local, district, state, national or international. Ohio and Indiana are two notable illustrations of this fact. We have ten schools in Ohio now worthy of the name to one that we had six years ago, in the beginning of our associated work. In Indiana it is the same. Kentucky can testify to the same thing in so far as the workers of that State have made their observations. So can and so will all the States testify where any solid effort has been made to verify the answer by actual experience in associated work.

Pity the pigmy minds, the embittered hearts, and the nerveless arms of those who see in all general associated work for Church advancement and Gospel proclamation, only a "centennial horse" or some other—

> "Monster of such frightful mien,
> That to be hated needs but to be seen."

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTRUCTION.

In this department great effort has been made to make the instruction what it ought to be, and not without a large measure of success. Indeed great improvement has been made. Many of the best minds

of the religious world are now employed in preparing the lessons for the children, and the means by which they may be exemplified and understood. Of our own brotherhood this declaration is also true. The quite common use of the "International System of Lessons" reveals possibilities of the religious education of the young of which heretofore we have had scarcely the remotest idea. A not meager experience and a careful observation of the methods pursued by those who have been foremost in providing for the necessities of the children and others in the Church School reveals this truth—that to be most successful in this work we must come to the study of the Bible as pupils, and not as judges; to find not what ought to be said, but what God has said; as inquirers after the truth, and not as advocates seeking arguments. And the preparation of these lessons pursued in this spirit has resulted in a unity of sentiment and an identity of expression almost unparalleled in the annals of thought. With scarcely an exception all have realized that though the truth revealed in the Bible is divine, yet the language in which it is revealed is human, and therefore reference must be had to the laws of language. To feel the full force of its glorious utterances the student, and not the book, needs to be spiritualized. These facts are full of encouragement for us to-day.

CONVENTIONS AND INSTITUTES.

These have been very numerous during the year. The great International Convention at Baltimore, in April, was one of the best of its kind ever held. The normal class movement for the improvement of teachers received a mighty impulse at this Convention. In making a comparison of this Convention with others of its kind that have preceded it, an able cotemporary makes this felicitous statement: "At Newark, in 1869, the sun shone; at Indianapolis, in 1872, the sweet rain fell; at Baltimore, in 1875, the bow of peace and promise hung a beautiful benediction over North and South. Let us hope that at Charleston, in 1878, the heavens may be opened and millennial blessings fall upon a thoroughly united nation and a united Church."

The normal work at Chautauqua was superior to that of last year. The attendance and interest was largely in excess of the gathering of 1874.

Among the disciples in all the States where the value of associated effort has been in any degree realized, institutes and conventions have been numerous and valuable. Especially is this true of Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, New York, Kentucky and Virginia. Other States have shown commendable activity, but these have "abounded in this grace."

Since our last Convention, one year ago, your General Sunday-school Secretary has conducted Sunday-school Institutes in Ohio, at Harrison, Marshfield, Zion, Nelsonville, Stow and Green; in the State of New York, at Buffalo, Williamsville, Tonawanda, Poestenkill and Syracuse; in Pennsylvania, at Alleghany City, and in Washington, District of Columbia. There was an aggregate at these meetings of over four hundred preachers, superintendents and teachers.

Since writing the above, we learn from Bro. L. L. Carpenter, of Indiana, the following facts: At the Institutes he has held, there have been present in the aggregate 283 preachers, and 1,817 officers and teachers, besides the large miscellaneous audiences.

Among those who have been foremost in this work in the States are Moffett, in Ohio; Cline, in Kentucky; Darsie, in New York; Streator, in Pennsylvania; Hobbs, in Illinois; Burns, in Missouri; Carpenter, and a whole army of workers in Indiana; Tyler, Cutler and Cary in

"Old Virginia"; Lane, in Iowa; and ——— but time fails me to mention even a few of the many in all the States who have been faithful co-laborers and whose names are just as worthy as those mentioned.

State Conventions have been held in Illinois and Kentucky. Indiana expected to hold one, but the "floods came" and the meeting in Green Castle was postponed to a "more convenient season." Several of the States have already put into the field a State Sunday-school evangelist, whose special business is to help along the work by holding institutes, giving instruction in normal classes, organizing schools, and encouraging the churches in the use of the Sunday-school as an agency in bringing souls to Christ. Other States are making preparation to do the same thing. Bro. C. C. Cline, in Kentucky, has been doing splendid service since his appointment, and is meeting, if report is true, with great success.

The brethren in Virginia deserve especial mention for the earnestness with which they are prosecuting their initial work. Why can we not hold a National Sunday-school Convention in Richmond next year, at the time when we go there to attend the General Missionary Convention? This question is worthy of the notice of the Sunday-school workers here at this Convention.

It is recommended that institutes be held in as many churches as possible in all the States during the next year. A well conducted institute is better for almost any congregation than a two weeks' protracted meeting conducted in the ordinary manner.

FINANCIAL.

At the last General Convention this body unanimously adopted the following resolution: "In the present condition of our finances the General Convention shall furnish the necessary stationery, postage and printing for the general work, but beyond this shall not be held pecuniarily responsible for any of the other expenses of the Secretary."

Of course acting on such a financial basis, a large amount of office and field work must be gratuitously performed. Where institutes have been conducted by the Secretary, sometimes full compensation has been rendered, sometimes only a part; and in some cases nothing. The only burden cast upon the General Convention is for the following items of expenditure:

Statistical blanks and circulars.....	$——
Stationery and postage.....	$12 45
Total	——

Contributions paid directly to the Secretary for labor performed have been received from Harrison, Wauseon, Nelsonville, Marshfield and Green, in Ohio; Williamsville, Buffalo, East Aurora, Tonawanda, Clarence, Lancaster, Troy, Poestenkill, Syracuse and New York City, in New York; Washington, D. C., and Alleghany City, Pennsylvania.

The Sunday-school, in Quaker City, Ohio, has the honor of being the first and only school that has contributed for the general work without the promise or prospect of direct benefits. It contributed $2.50 for the cause. Its example is commended.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion we renew the recommendations made last year. We are now "ready for action." All along the lines the indications are that but little trumpery or luggage will be carried by those who will carry our Sunday-school banner into the midst of the centennial year of our country.

We hope that when the next anniversary of this Convention shall come, wherever we shall meet, we shall have a report to make that will eclipse in its real value to tens of thousands of the valiant soldiers of our King, all the flaming records of its contests and victories of our nation from Lexington to Richmond.

Respectfully submitted,
F. M. GREEN, *General Secretary.*

On motion of G. T. Carpenter, of Iowa, the report was referred to the following Committee:—G. T. Carpenter, J. Z. Tyler, and J. H. Berry.

The Committee on the Condition of the Churches reported through its Chairman, James Challen, as follows:—

REPORT ON THE CONDITION AND WANTS OF WEAK AND DESTITUTE CHURCHES.

The subject is one of increasing interest, and demands our thoughtful and prayerful consideration. Much of our work is perishing and will perish without it.

We have many congregations outside of the great centres in our country. It would increase their strength and efficiency, if they would form anew in some central localities and employ pastors and teachers to labor among them.

We would also urge the necessity of extra work among the settled pastors in the towns and cities among the destitute churches in building them up and in putting them in working order, so as to aid them in becoming self-supporting churches; and where it can be done, to send out from their midst the talent that is unemployed and idle, to assist in this work. In this way not only will good be done in the churches, but many of our brethren would consecrate their gifts permanently to the work.

We would call upon the weak churches lying near each other, to cooperate in employing evangelists to labor among them in destitute fields.

Churches who have no one to labor among them in word and doctrine, should meet for prayer and to attend to the ordinances of God's house, and for the reading and study of the Word of God. The international series of lessons would form the basis of much Church edification.

Other ministers might be employed to plant churches in destitute places "in regions beyond," but it is of the utmost importance for us to conserve and build up those already existing.

The Sunday School work should be atttended to in all the churches with increasing interest and diligence.

We would urge the necessity of sending out an evangelist into each new State and the Territories, to labor among the churches in their midst.

JAMES CHALLEN, *Chairman of Committee.*

Remarks were made upon the report by T. Munnell, James Challen, and J. C. Miller, after which the report was unanimously approved.

The Committee on a general revival of spiritual life among the Disciples of Christ in the United States, reported as follows:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GENERAL REVIVAL.

In view of the present condition of many of our congregations, the apathy manifested by the members of the Church concerning the work of the Lord, both at home and abroad, and our large capabilities and powers to do a grand work, by the grace of God, for the glory of his great name and the good of humanity, and hence our fearful responsibilities, the Committee on a General Revival of spiritual life among the Disciples of Christ in the United States respectfully recommends—

1. That all of the preachers of the Gospel on the First Lord's Day in December, prox., call the attention of the congregation to which they may preach to the present condition of the churches and the vast importance of a general revival of true spiritual life among the people of God.

2. That the remainder of the week be devoted to meetings for confession of sins and fervent prayer to God for his blessing.

3. As soon after this as possible, let such churches, by their godly men and women, who may find it in their hearts so to do, visit neighboring congregations destitute of pastoral care, and make an earnest effort in the same manner to arouse them to a more vigorous spiritual life.

4. In the accomplishment of this exceedingly important work, whether at home or in neighboring congregations, let the elders and preachers visit, or cause to be visited, every family belonging to the Church, and urge upon them the necessity of daily Bible reading, and prayer in the family and in the closet.

5. Let each congregation arrange for a series of meetings in which an especial and continued effort shall be made to turn sinners to God.

6. That the preachers in this Convention pledge themselves now to devote a portion of the coming year, say from two to four weeks, to mission work; and we very earnestly urge the preachers everywhere to do the same.

ENOS CAMPBELL, W. T. MAUPIN,
B. B. TYLER, J. L. PARSON, } *Committee.*

J. W. McGarvey offered an amendment to the first recommendation of the Committee, substituting the words "every Lord's day in the year" in the place of "the first Lord's day in December prox."

After discussion by J. W. McGarvey, G. W. Sewell, B. B. Tyler, T. Munnell, W, T. Maupin, W. L. Hayden, W. K. Pendleton, a substitute was offered by J. H. Garrison as follows:—"We recommend that the preachers give special attention during the coming year to the revival of a purer spirituality and more christian liberality, in the churches." which was lost.

After a continued discussion by J. L. Phillips and others, Bro. McGarvey's amendment was voted upon and lost.

The report of the Committee was adopted.

The report of the Hymn Book Committee through its Chairman, R. M. Bishop, was made, and on motion, refered to the auditor, with instructions to print in the proceedings of this Convention.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HYMN BOOK.

The Trustees of the Hymn Book beg leave to make the following report:

Amount of royalty accrued since last report for the benefit of Missionary Convention $1,327 47

1875 EXPENDITURES.

Apr. 20, Paid Insurance on plates.....	$32 50	
Sept. 21, Paid Allison, Smith & Johnson for new set Hymn Book and Hymnal Supplem't Plates	348 96	
Oct. 8, Paid Lipscomb & Sewell for advertising.....	2 90—	384 36
Balance accrued to Missionary fund.....		$943 11

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. BISHOP, W. H. LAPE,
C. H. GOULD, O. H. BURGESS,
J. B. BOWMAN, } *Committee.*

The Committee on the Bible School made its report, as follows:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE SCHOOL.

Brethren of the Convention: Your Committee on the Louisville Bible School for the education of Colored Preachers, would submit the following preliminary statement, setting forth briefly the history and the present condition of the School, together with a subjoined recommendation embodying what is deemed essential to its successful operation, and permanent usefulness in the future.

The School was established by the General Board of Missions more than two years ago, and consequently has passed through two sessions and some four or five weeks of the third which is now in progress. It is conducted by Prof. P. H. Morse, under the management of a Local Board, which simply acts as the agent of the General Missionary Board, and administers the local affairs of the School. About fifteen students were in attendance the first session, twenty-five the second, and up to this time nine have come to attend the present session. Others will soon be here. The School would doubtless have been full by this time, but for the uncertainty as to its continuance, produced by financial embarassment. Supporting itself on voluntary contributions, solicited in various ways, it is necessarily subjected to irregularity in procuring the means of subsistence. As a result a debt of several hundred dollars on the amount promised Prof. Morse, stands now as a serious impediment to the successful operation of the School. Notwithstanding these hindrances, the School has, to the personal knowledge of the Chairman of this Committee, been productive of great and lasting good, and should by all means receive the cordial sympathy and support of the general brotherhood, and by them be placed on a permanent basis, with surroundings more felicitous than the present.

To carry out these suggestions your Committee would recommend, first, that special donations be made to liquidate the present indebtness and to sustain the School duuing the present session; and in the second place, that a special agent be appointed to raise a fund of ten thousand dollars to be so invested as to secure that permanent usefulness which we feel assured would result from the provision herein recommended. Our information is, that a farm of fifty or seventy-

five acres near this city could be purchased with about five thousand dollars, on which Prof. Morse believes that he could render the School self-sustaining by gardening and the use of a dairy.

I. B. GRUBBS,
WM. ROWZEE,
H. R. PRICHARD, } *Committee.*

The report was briefly explained by I. B. Grubbs, when, on motion, it was made the special order for Wednesday at 2.30.

Bro. W. T. Moore, from the Committee on Foreign Missions, read the following report:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The subject of Foreign Missions was brought prominently before our General Convention at its last meeting; but, owing to the want of time, the discussion did not reach any very satisfactory conclusion. Still it was evident that a great interest was felt among our brethren on the subject, and, in order to give some definite expression to that interest, several special meetings were held during the Convention, to take into consideration the whole matter. At one of these meetings a Committee was appointed, to devise a plan to inaugurate a Foreign Mission or Missions as soon as practicable. This Committee conferred freely with the General Board, which had been instructed by the Convention to start a Foreign Mission, and after much consultation the undersigned were appointed to take charge of the whole subject. We therefore beg leave to call your earnest and prayful attention to the following suggestions:

First. We do not think it necessary to discuss the importance of the work proposed. It must be abundantly evident that it is a work greatly needed. In fact, we can never be a truly missionary people until such a work is begun and energetically pushed to success. We need, therefore, only call your attention to the importance of beginning that work *now*. Now, indeed, is the accepted time, now the day of salvation.

Second. If it be asked why we are making the present movement, we answer: The general plan under which we are now working is admirable for home work; but until States and districts are all thoroughly organized, so that the General Board can receive its *share of the contributions*, it will be practically impossible to do any work through this instrumentality, in foreign fields, worthy of the name.

But even should the General Board receive, by special contributions, a sufficient amount of means to begin a Foreign Mission, it is by no means certain that it could or would be sustained. The Board is elected annually by a Convention made up of delegates, the majority of whom do not perhaps represent a dollar in the treasury. Of course, it is doubtful whether such a Convention would control the Mission in harmony with the wishes of those who contribute to it, even though the Mission should be continued and sustained with the money sent to the Board. Hence, it is evident that in the very nature of things the work of our General Board must be confined, at least for the present, to "promoting the co-operation of the Churches," and such other work as may be accomplished in the home field. It was in view of these facts that the General Board abandoned its purpose to enter the foreign field, and gave its cordial assent to the present movement.

Third. What we propose is, the establishment of a separate Board, to be elected annually *by those who contribute to the special work of Foreign Missions.* It is not proposed that this work shall in any way interfere with the work of the General Board or General Convention. It is simply our purpose to do what the General Board can not possibly do with its present embarrassments. We propose simply to help in the great work of spreading the Gospel, and at the same time to hold our organization in harmony with the General Convention of our brotherhood. To this end we propose to hold our Convention at the *same time and place* as the General Convention, and will ask that Convention to give us a portion of the time to consider the subject of Foreign Missions.

It is further proposed to have all our work appear in the report of the General Convention. This is precisely the way in which most of the religious organizations of our day conduct their Foreign Missionary work. They have a Board specially appointed to superintend this department. The work of this Board is reported during their General Conferences or Conventions, and is published in the General Minutes.

Fourth. The Constitution, which has been carefully considered and unanimously approved by the Committee, will give a more definite idea of what is proposed.

W. T. MOORE, *Chairman.*

The report was referred to a select Committee, consisting of W. K. Pendleton, J. W. McGarvey, John C. Miller, R. Moffett and Z. F. Smith.

The Committee on Order of Business, made further report as follows :—

1. Meet at 2 P. M.
2. Report of Committees.
3. Unfinished Business.
4. Adjournment.
5. Social meeting at 7 o'clock, to be led by Bro. J. W. McGarvey.
6. Address on Foreign Missions by W. T. Moore, followed by the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions.

Convention adjourned. Benediction by J. H. Garrison.

WEDNESDAY, 2 P. M.

The Convention met at 2 P. M., and was opened by reading the Scriptures in the 19th Psalm, and prayer by J. B. McGinn, of Kentucky.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The time having arrived for the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Louisville Bible School, it was read by

the Secretary, and discussed by I. B. Grubbs, J. W. McGarvey, Thomas Munnell, R. M. Bishop, J. I. Rogers, Wm. Rowzee, A. E. Myers, John Shackleford and M. L. Streator, after which the first recommendation of the committee was adopted.

On motion of J. I. Rogers, it was resolved that an immediate effort be made to carry out the resolution.

The following persons subscribed as follows :—

J. W. McGarvey	$25.00
I. B. Grubbs	20.00
W. E. Hall	20.00
B. B. Tyler	10.00
J. I. Rogers	5.00
J. C. Miller	10.00
J. S. Lamar	20.00
L. Harruot	20.00
J. Mountjoy	20.00
A. E. Myers	10.00
G. T. Carpenter	5.00
J. H. Garrison	5.00
Jacob Burnet	10.00
J. Z. Tyler	20.00
J. T. Toof	20.00
F. G. Allen	10.00
Samuel Kelley	20.00
G. S. Myers	5.00
Wm. O. Foley	5.00
James Challen	5.00
W. T. Maupin,	5.00
W. K. Pendleton	10.00
C. W. Sewell	15;00
Samuel Crutcher	25.00
G. W. Sweeney	25.00
W. J. Loos	20.00
Mrs. R. M. Bishop	10.00
Collection at night	94.56
From Ladies' Society, Walnut St. Louisville	50.00

Prof. Morse, from the Bible School, and representatives from his classes, brethren Redd and Merchant, were introduced and made appropriate remarks.

The second recommendation, on motion, was referred to a special Committee of I. B. Grubbs, R. M. Bishop and J. B. Bowman.

The following letter was read from the Linden St. Christian Church, Memphis, Tennessee :—

MEMPHIS, Oct. 17, 1875.

At a full official meeting of the Lindon Street Christian Church, Memphis, Tenn., held on Lord's Day, Oct. 3. 1875, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That this Church is in hearty sympathy with the Missionary movements of the Christian Brotherhood—home and foreign, state and national.

THOS. BACON, *Secretary*, W. A. EDMUNDS, M. D. *President*.

A. I. Hobbs, from the Committee on Missions among the Freedmen, read their report, which was unanimously adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COLORED MISSIONS.

Your Committee to whom was referred so much of the Report of the General Board as relates to Missions among the Freedmen beg leave to submit the following:

In the light of recent developments, we are profoundly impressed that the church ought to give her best efforts and liberal contributions for the Christianization of the Freedmen, for the sake of Christ, for their sake and for the sake of our country. Their souls are perishing for the bread of life; besides, in their present ignorance of true religion they are in danger of being borne into false systems of religion, particularly into Roman Catholicism, whose priesthood now seek their conversion, we will not say without good motives, but certainly with one motive, all-inspiring to their zeal, to secure the united colored support. It is too late now, especially since so many recent oracular utterances in regard to prospective religious liberty, to doubt what direction may be given to Papal acquisitions, when the favorable opportunity shall occur for the accomplishment of maturing Jesuitical designs.

Patriotism, to say nothing of fervent love for the cause of Christ, and the souls of men, demands an unfaltering purpose and effort to educate and Christianize the Freedman. We therefore recommend:

1. That existing Missions among the Freedmen be continued, and others organized as rapidly as practicable.

2. That in the establishment of Missions, we give preference, for the present, to those localities where there may be a willingness on the part of Freedmen or others to give to our Missionaries at least a partial material support.

3. That for active labor among the Freedmen we employ only Colored Ministers, unless in very exceptional cases, and that these ministers be under the supervision of white brethren as far as may be practicable.

A. I. Hobbs,
W. L. Williams,
R. M. Bishop,
} *Committee.*

J. H. Garrison, from the Committee on a Centennial offering, made their report as follows:—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CENTENNIAL FUND.

The Committee appointed to consider and report upon the recommendation of the Board, referring to the raising of a Centennial Fund, beg leave to recommend—

1. That the Christian brotherhood undertake, with the blessings of God, to make the year 1876 memorable in the history of our movement, by the raising of the sum of $500,000 for Home and Foreign Missions, educational and benevolent purposes.

2. That all our preachers give at least two weeks to the missionary work—either by holding meetings in destitute places, or in some other way advancing our general work—during the coming year.

3. That the methods of raising so much of this fund as relates to missionary work be left to the State Boards and General Board.

4. That we all present at this Convention pledge ourselves to aid in every practicable way, in swelling the streams of Christian liberality, that many of the spiritual deserts of earth may be refreshed and made fruitful by the water of life, as the result of our mutual labors and prayers the coming year.

J. H. GARRISON, R. MOFFETT,
W. L. HAYDEN, JOHN C. MILLER,
J. B. BOWMAN, } *Committee.*

J. I. Rogers and others made remarks on the report, which was unanimously adopted.

Before the adjournment, the Committee on Order of Business reported as follows, for Thursday.

1. Devotional Exercises from 8.30 to 9 A. M., to be led by J. T. Toof.
2. Unfinished Business.
3. Reports of Committees.
4. Miscellaneous Business.
5. At 11 A. M. an address by L. B. Wilkes, of Missouri.

Convention Adjourned. Benediction by Enos Campbell.

WEDNESDAY, 7 P. M.

The social meeting, which was largely attended, was presided over by Bro. John I. Rogers, of Kentucky.

At the conclusion of these services the Convention was led in prayer by the President. After the prayer the Convention united in singing the words beginning :—

"From Greenland's icy mountains,
From India's coral strand," etc.

W. T. Moore, of Ohio, was then introduced, who delivered an address on the subject of Foreign Missions.

At the conclusion of the address the Convention song, with great spirit, the words—"Shout the tidings of Salvation," etc.

The report of the committee to which was referred the subject of Foreign Missions not being able to present their report, on motion, leave was granted to those who desired to take Life Memberships, or Life Directorships.

W. L. Hayden offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed by the Chair to nominate the Officers and Managers of this Convention for the ensuing year, and that the adoption of their report be the election of the persons named.

Bro. J. Z. Tyler, of Virginia, moved that a committee of three, to select the place for holding the next Convention, be appointed by the Chair. Carried.

After announcing the Order of Business for Thursday, the Convention adjourned. Benediction by R. Moffett.

THURSDAY, 8 A. M.

The social meeting was led by Bro. J. T. Toof, of Illinois.

At the conclusion of these services the President took the chair.

The minutes of the afternoon and evening sessions of Wednesday were read and approved.

The President announced the following Committees already ordered.

Place of Meeting—J. Z. Tyler, J. C. Reynolds, J. S. Lamar.

Nominations—R. Moffett, W. T. Maupin, L. Lane, A. E. Myers, W. L. Dickinson.

W. Logan Williams was appointed on Committee of Bible School in place of Bro. Grubbs.

Reports of Committees being in order, G. T. Carpenter, of the Committee on Sunday Schools, presented their report as follow: It was taken up item by item, and after slight amendment was adopted unanimously.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee to whom was referred the Report of the General Sunday-school Secretary, or so much of it as refers to recommendations, beg leave to report as follows:

1. That we are well pleased and greatly encouraged in view of the considerable progress made in the Sunday-school work during the past year, and feel deeply grateful to the General Secretary for his untiring and efficient labors in his office, and the thoughtful and timely suggestions contained in his report, concerning our future operations.

2. We recommend that the arrangements made at the last Annual Missionary Convention for the support of a General Sunday-school Secretary be continued during the coming year, and, if possible, that the present Secretary be continued in the work.

3. We also recommend that a National Sunday-school Convention be held in connection with our next General Missionary Convention.

4. That a Committee, consisting of the General Sunday-school Secretary as Chairman, and brethren, L. Lane, of Iowa; L. L. Carpenter, of Indiana; C. C. Cline, of Kentucky; W. E. Hall, of Tennessee; J. H. Garrison, of Missouri; and J. T. Toof, of Illinois; be appointed, with instructions to prepare and publish a suitable programme for

such Convention, to extend an invitation to brethren from other countries to meet with us, and to make all other necessary provisions for said Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

G. T. CARPENTER
JESSE H. BERRY,
J. Z. TYLER,
} *Committee.*

W. K. Pendleton, from the Committee on Foreign Missions, presented the following report.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee to whom was referred a proposition to form one distinct organization for Foreign Missions, beg leave to report that they heartily approve of the movement proposed, and recommend that the organization be recognized as an integral element in the general co-operation of this Convention.

That a joint Committee, to be composed of three members from this Convention and three brethren from the Committee on Foreign Missionary organization, be appointed to incorporate the provisions of the proposed organization into the Constitution of the General Convention—as an amendment thereto—and that the General Board be requested to recommend it to the adoption of this Convention.

W. K. PENDLETON,
J. C. MILLER,
R. MOFFETT,
} *Committee.*

Remarks were made by Z. F. Smith, W. T. Moore, J. B. McGinn, and W. K. Pendleton.

The following was offered as a substitute for the report:

Resolved, That your Committee heartily endorse the move made for the organization of a Foreign Missionary Society.

Resolved, That this Committee recommend the Convention to set apart an hour of to-morrow morning to consider the policy of organizing such a Society.

Resolved, That the Convention set apart the second day of each annual meeting, or so much thereof as may be needed, for the meeting of the said Society and the transaction of its business.

Z. F. SMITH,
J. W. MCGARVEY,
} *Committee.*

This was discussed by Z. F. Smith, John Shackleford, L. B. Wilkes, J. C. Miller, A. I. Hobbs. By general consent the report of the committee was withdrawn from before the Convention.

W. Logan Williams, from the special Committee on the Bible School, reported as follows:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE SCHOOL.

The Committee to whom was referred a portion of the Report of the Committee on the Bible College for Colored Men, beg leave to report that—

Whereas, The preaching of the Gospel among the four millions of freedmen in our country is a work worthy of an earnest effort on the part of the Christian brotherhood, and--

Whereas, This work can be accomplished best by an educated ministry of their own race—

Therefore, With a view of establishing a college of the Bible for colored men, we recommend to the Brotherhood to accept this as a part of their work for the next year.

Second. They recommend that the Executive Board be requested to make every effort in their power to secure a proper person to raise an Endowment Fund of not less than $10,000 for said college.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. WILLIAMS,
R. M. BISHOP,
J. B. BOWMAN; } *Committee.*

The consideration of the report was made the special order for 2.30 P. M. Thursday.

The Committee on place of next meeting, reported as follows :—

REPORT ON PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

The Committee to whom was assigned the duty of considering the place of our next General Convention, would respectfully report that in accordance with the recommendation of the Convention held in Cincinnati last year, and the earnest request of the brethren in Virginia, the city of Richmond, Va., is recommended as the place of next meeting.

J. Z. TYLER,
J. S. LAMAR,
J. C. REYNOLDS, } *Committee.*

The report was unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Conference with Free Will Baptist Committee presented their report as follows :—

REPORT ON CONFERENCE WITH FREE-WILL BAPTISTS.

Your Committee appointed to confer with the Committee from the Free-will Baptist Conference beg leave to report—

1. That we have had several conferences with the Free-will Baptist Committee, but have not yet reached such definite conclusions as would justify a detailed report to this Convention.

2. That we are gratified to say, however, that we have made encouraging progress and have strong hopes that a basis for practical union will be ultimately agreed upon.

3. That to this end your Committee have agreed on some movements that will require further time to consummate, and they ask, therefore, to be continued another year. Respectfully,

W. K. PENDLETON, *Chairman.*

The desire of the Committee was heeded and report adopted.

The Committee on Christian Women's Mission reported as follows :—

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Your Committee to whom was referred the Christian Women's Mission, beg leave to submit the following:

1st. That we are much pleased with the efforts thus far of the women who labor with us in the Gospel,

2d. That we pledge to them our hearty sympathy and prayer for their success in their good work. THOS. MUNNELL, *Chairman.*

A. F. Smith read the report on obituaries:—

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Your Committee on Obituaries beg leave to report as follows:

Every year brings with it living victories, and every year brings with it the triumphs of death. Since our last meeting in General Convention, several who were usually with us are now resting from their labors. Prominent among this number is our beloved brother Robert Milligan, so widely known as a preacher, as a writer, as a teacher, and, who for many years, has held the position of Vice-President of this Convention. In him we have lost one of our purest men and a most exemplary Christian. He has gone to his reward, but the fruitful labors of his life remain as the fittest monument to his memory.

We must also mourn the loss of Bro. B. K. Smith, of Indiana, who was always a missionary man and who was extensively known by his copious writings. There, too, is Bro. W. H. Taylor, of Ohio, active and efficient in the pulpit and with his pen; he also has obeyed the awful summons and has gone from our midst.

The eloquent voice of our Bro. L. L. Pinkerton is no longer heard in our councils. The armor is laid off and the brave soldier is at rest. But he has given us a life true to his convictions of right, and he was always a faithful advocate of missionary work.

We can not fail to mention here our colored brother, Nicholas Rickmond, who fell in our mission work in Texas. He went forth to do battle for the Lord, and the Lord called him home.

We pay this tribute of respect to our departed brethren who have labored with, and who have gone on before us.

A. F. SMITH,
J. W. MCGARVEY,
G. T. CARPENTER, } *Committee.*

The report was unanimously adopted, Bro. Shackleford having made affectionate mention of these sainted dead, especially of his "friend" Dr. Pinkerton.

The Committee on Order of Business made report as follows:—

1. Meet at 2.30 P. M.

2. Special order at 2.30, the consideration of the special committee on the Bible School.

3. Unfinished Business.

4. Presentation of the Committee from the Free Will Baptist Association.

5. Miscellaneous Business. Adjourn.

6. Social meeting at 7 o'clock, to be led by J. Z. Tyler, of Virginia.

7. At 7.30, address by John S. Sweeney, of Kentucky.

The time for the address having arrived, Bro. L. B. Wilkes, of Missouri, was introduced, who delivered an address on Home Missions.

At the conclusion of the address the Convention united in singing the hymn beginning:—"Soldiers of Christ, arise," etc.

The Committee on Nominations reported through their Chairman, R. Moffett:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

President—W. K. Pendleton, of West Virginia.

Vice Presidents—A. I. Hobbs, of Illinois; R. Graham, of Kentucky; O. A. Burgess, of Indiana.

Corresponding Secretary—Thomas Munnell, of Kentucky.

Recording Secretaries—F. M. Green, of Ohio; I. B. Grubbs, of Kentucky; J. C. Miller, of Indiana.

Treasurer—James Leslie, of Ohio.

Auditor—B. W. Wasson, of Ohio.

Board of Managers—Isaac Errett, of Cincinnati; R. M. Bishop, of Cincinnati; M. H. Slosson, of Cincinnati; James Challen, of Covington; D. W. Chase, of Cincinnati; James Leslie, of Cincinnati; R. R. Sloan, of Cleveland; W. S. Dickinson, of Cincinnati; W. H. Lape, of Kentucky.

The report was unanimously adopted.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:—

Whereas, Our beloved brother, H. S. Earl, formerly of Australia, proposes to go as an evangelist to England at his own charges—

Resolved, That the General Christian Missionary Convention assembled at Louisville, Ky., Oct., 19–21, do hereby express most hearty sympathy with Bro. Earl in his proposed work, and bid him a hearty God speed in his efforts as an evangelist.

Bro. Earl followed with appropriate remarks.

By consent Bro. McGarvey made some explanations in reference to the recent action of the Kentucky Christian Missionary Convention.

By general consent the Order of Exercises was changed so that the committee from the Free Will Baptist Association was introduced to the Convention.

Bro. G. H. Ball, of the "Baptist Union," made appropriate remarks, which were well received.

These remarks were succeeded by words of response by the President.

At the conclusion of these pleasant exercises, Jesse H. Berry, of Illinois, offered the following resolutions:—

Resolved, That this Convention hereby tenders its grateful thanks to the brethren and sisters of the city of Louisville for their generous hospitality during its sittings.

Resolved, That our thanks are due, and hereby expressed, to the reporters of the Press of Louisville for their faithful report of the proceedings of this Convention; and, also, to the Rail-road lines granting special favors to members of this Convention.

The announcements for the afternoon were made, after which the Convention adjourned to 2.30 P. M. Benediction by B. B. Tyler.

THURSDAY, 2.30 P. M.

The session was opened by the reading of the Scriptures and prayer, by William Rowzee.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

By general consent W. T. Moore, read a communication from the Board of Foreign Missions, as follows:—

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of this Society be instructed to confer with the Executive Committee of the General Convention to arrange the future relations that may exist between the two bodies.

The special order was taken up, and discussion proceeded on the report of the special Committee on the Bible School, participated in by J. W. McGarvey, I. B. Grubbs, B. S. Campbell, R. M. Bishop, and John Shackleford, who offered the following amendment:—"Provided, that any endowment fund that may be raised shall be held and secured in accordance with the fairly expressed wishes of those persons who contribute to the fund."

This amendment was discussed by Enos Campbell, G. T. Carpenter, David Walk, and adopted.

The report of the committee as amended was then adopted.

The report of the Board was then adopted.

W. H. Lape presented the report of the Treasurer which was referred to the Auditor.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

On hand last report.....	$ 187.29
Received during the year.....	4671.10
	4858.39
Orders on Treasury.....	4858.39

see p. 6 report 1876

W. H. LAPE, *Treasurer.*

The report of the Recording Secretary of the Board was presented and referred to the Auditor.

A. I. Hobbs having given the proper notice of one year, offered the following amendment to the Constitution :—

A. I. HOBBS' AMENDMENT.

A. I. Hobbs moved to amend the Committee's report by erasing in Section II., Article 4, all of the article after the word "churches" in fourth line, and insert the following: And Counties of the State as follows: One messenger for every County containing co-operating churches, one for every co-operating church of 200 members or under, and one additional messenger for every additional 200 members, or the larger fraction thereof.

In case any co-operating church should fail to be represented, the County messenger may cast her vote.

After remarks by A. I. Hobbs, on motion of W. T. Moore, the report was laid on the table.

Bro. Samuel Ayers, of Kentucky, offered the following resolution, which was read and indefinitely postponed.

We recommend the observance of the First Lord's Day in December next as a day of fasting and prayer, and the entire week, also, as a season of prayer for the Divine mercy and blessing. That among the sins and offenses to be repented of, we specially mention patronizing lotteries, as one form of gambling; horse-racing, theatres and dances; and that we endeavor to return fully to apostolic practice, both in the order of the Church and in worship; and that what we once gained as a people in this direction, we will fully restore, and, therefore, will put away the offense of instrumental music from all our worship, both public and private.

The President read a communication from the Board of Christian Women's Missions, which was ordered upon the minutes of this Convention.

WOMEN'S MISSIONS.

To the Brethren in General Convention assembled :—

The fraternal consideration always shown by you prompts this offering of a brief report of our present condition as an organization. We are in communication with thirty-three auxiliary societies, besides receiving regular contributions from a number of individuals not connected with any organization.

We have in bank the sum of.....	$1,202 85
The offerings brought up during this meeting.....	240 57
Total,	$1,443 42

We hope to have our missionary in the field as soon as the season is sufficiently advanced to make it safe for him to go to Jamaica. Before separating for the year, the Christian Woman's Board of Mission, desires especially to tender their thanks to the *Christian Standard*, *Christian*, *Christian Monitor*, and *Evangelist*, for continued and obliging editorial courtesies.

The ladies of the Convention return their most earnest thanks to the ladies of Louisville for their cordial reception and graceful hospitality.

By order of the Convention.

It was ordered that the Secretary acknowledge the reception of the communication.

Permission was granted to the Executive Committee to make any change in the time of the next annual meeting which may be necessary on account of its going to Richmond.

After miscellaneous amendments, the Convention adjourned. Benediction by W. T. Moore.

THURSDAY, 7 P. M.

The social exercises were conducted by Bro. J. Z. Tyler, of Virginia.

At 8 o'clock the President took the chair, and the Convention was opened with prayer by Bro. M. J. Dennis, of Ohio.

Bro. J. S. Sweeney, of Paris, Kentucky, was then introduced to the Convention, who delivered an address on "Faith, Hope, and Love."

At the conclusion of the sermon, a song was sung, expressive of the feeling in the hearts of the members of the Convention.

The Convention was then asked to contribute for the necessities of the General Missionary Convention.

The result in cash amounted to $144.56.

After the contribution was taken, the President in a few fitting words introduced Bro. H. S. Earl, who was commended to the grace of God as he enters upon the field of his labors for God and man. The hand of sympathy and congratulation was also given to Bro. C. S. Blackwell, by the President, in behalf of the Foreign Missionary Society. After which Bro. David Walk led in prayer.

A large number of brethren and sisters then gave these brethren the right hand of fellowship in the patience and kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bro. J. L. Phillips, missionary to India, made a brief address.

After a few announcements were made, a hymn was sung, and this, one of the very best of all our General Conventions, adjourned. Benediction by W. K. Pendleton.

ISAAC ERRETT, *President.*

F. M. GREEN, *Secretary.*

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR.

Asa Shuler	$10 00
Samuel Robbins	1 00
Mrs. Samuel Robbins	1 00
A Friend, Brooklyn, O	5 00
Miss E. J. Dickinson	10 00
John Douthitt, Jackson	10 00
Jones Douthitt "	10 00
A. H. Harrod	3 00
W. M. Houston	2 00
J. J. Moss	5 00
R. H. Moss	5 00
C. H. Black	10 00
Church at Paynesville, Mo.	10 00
Dr. S. Van Meter	10 00
Church at Ravenna, O	15 00
Church at Waverly, Mo	3 50
Mrs. Mary Kinnis	2 00
J. A. Roberts	10 00
Danbury, Conn	5 00
James Galbreath	3 00
J. F. Callahan	1 00
Church at Grand Rapids	3 00
J. A. Mavity	10 00
Church at Bellville, O	2 30
Dr. S. Van Meter	6 00
Collected by Miss Cailiff	43 95
Bedford, Ills	14 73
J. S. Storer	1 00
Oscar Gash	1 00
Mrs. E. F. Waldo	5 00
Clayton, Ills	5 00
Mrs. M. Ohio	5 50
Martha Stapp	1 00
Somerset, Texas	10 00
A. Fairhurst. Indianapolis	20 00
F. E. Ferris, Ohio	5 00
Mayfield, Ills	10 00
F. M. Green	2 00
E. S. White, Ohio	5 00
Unknown, Muncie, Ills	1 00
Mrs. J. A. Bates, Mich	6 00
Braddock, Penn	8 56
E. C. Orr	1 00
Mary A. Campbell, Ills	25 00
F. M. Bruner	25 00
Church 7th St. St. Louis	20 00
Butler, O	3 15
Fulton, Mo	5 00
Madison, Mo	1 40
Paris, Mo	14 60
Sister Cotton	1 00
Sturgeon, Mo	5 75
Danville, Ills	8 80
Syracuse, N. Y	10 00
Brownsburg, Ind	9 20
Swampscot, Mass	2 00
G. T. Carpenter, Iowa	5 00
Unknown, Sycamore, Ills	5 00
Benj. Crist	5 00
A Sister, Penn	50
C H. Gould	14 00
A. G. Mauzy	5 00
Charles Mock	1 00
W. C. Mauzy	1 00
W. F. Moffatt, Ind	1 00
J. B. Kennedy, Ind	1 00
Greensburg, Ind	5 00
Mrs. C. B. Whitsett W. Va	5 00
Ladies Society, Des Moines	5 00
Mary A. Campbell, Ills	35 00
Grayville, Ills	I0 00
Collected by Miss Cailiff	4 70
John Bode, Ind	5 00
M. D. White	1 00
Misses Burke	50
R. Hawley, Mich	5 00
Mrs. Mary E. Duncan, Ind	20 00
A. C. Grooms	5 00
John Landers	5 00
E. F. Musser, O	1 00
Saline, O	3 25
Collected by Miss Cailiff	2 75
Bequest M. H. Bacon	507 36
Church at Vincennes	8 40
M. H. Judah	5 00
G. J. Clark	5 00
Central Church, Cincinnati	17 46
Church at Eldora, Iowa	2 00
Church at Antioch, O	7 00
St. Paul, Ills	2 50

W. H. Layman, O.....	1 00
Church at Flora, Ills.....	5 00
S. & O. Des Moines.....	2 00
H. Lane & Dr. Thornton, Indiana.....	25 00
C. J. Glover, Ky.....	2 00
J. D, Hazelrigg, Ky.....	2 50
Joseph Wells, Ky.....	5 00
Ravenna, O.....	1 00
Zionsville, Ind.....	2 45
Augusta, Ind.....	2 55
Manilla, Ind.....	6 05
Incog, N. Y.....	50 00
" "	50 00
E. Gowing.....	5 00
Dr. Oliver, Indianapolis.....	2 00
W. W. Dowling.....	5 00
West Cleveland, O.....	7 84
R. Moffett.....	10 00
Alleghany City, Pa.....	25 00
Ind. State Treasurer.....	75 00
Dr. Thomas Porter.....	15 00
Mrs. S. F. Savage.....	5 00
Jacksonville, Ills.....	27 75
L. S. Brown.....	10 00
Columbus City, Iowa.....	4 00
L. R. B.....	5 00
Miss Mary Root	5 00
B. W. Cole.....	25 00
West Cleveland.....	5 25
Mrs. S. A. Brownwell.....	5 00
Benj. Crist "Missionary"...	4 00
Richmond St. S. S., Cin.....	20 00
Ohio State Treasury.....	50 00
Mrs. S. H. Campbell.....	5 00
Mrs. E. S. White.....	2 00
Mrs. D. S. Burnet.....	15 00
C. Wiles.....	2 00
O. F. Lane.....	5 00
Laporte, Indiana.....	5 00
Miss E. Kate Frazer.....	10 00
Mrs. Bettie Reed.....	5 00
William Mitchell.....	20 00
J. S. Hughes.....	5 10
John Maupin.....	4 00
Mrs. A. J. Hatfield.....	5 00
Isaac Vanausdell.....	1 00
E. E. Pearce.....	5 00
W. S. Fauk...	10 00
J. W. Elliott.....	2 00
Dr. Holton.....	1 00
Mrs. Nolin.....	1 00
Wm. Holton.....	3 00
Miles Wilson.....	2 00
Matt. Worthington.....	2 00
W. C. Holton.....	10 00
Charles Osborn.....	5 00
L. Walton	5 00
Enos Campbell.....	15 00
Mrs. Enos Campbell.....	15 00
F. M. Green.....	8 00
Mrs. T. V. Berry	25 00
Paducah, Ky.....	7 25
R. H. Moss.....	10 00
Henry Pond.....	5 00
Granville Center, Pa	2 50
Canton, Pa.....	3 25
Bedford, O.....	4 00
J. P. Pope.....	40 00
Braddocks, Pa.....	6 14
James Challen.....	5 00
Pompey, N. Y.....	6 50
Asa Shuler.....	10 00
Mrs. E. White.....	1 00
M. Huston.....	5 00
Mrs. Hurst	1 00
Joshua Eliason.....	5 00
H. C. Leeson.....	5 00
Knightstown, Ind.....	2 20
W. W. Witmer.....	1 00
Sister Boyd.....	1 50
Danbury, Conn.....	3 50
Jennie Bowen.....	1 00
Laura Howe.....	1 00
Dublin, Indiana.....	3 90
Dr. Pennington....	1 00
Milton, Ind.....	8 30
J. Kimmel.....	5 00
J. H. Garvin.....	1 00
Harrison Scott.....	5 00
B. L. Harris.....	00
A. Rheinheimmer.....	1 00
Union City, Ind.....	6 00
Lipscomb, Iowa.....	6 35
Flat Rock, Henry Co., Ind	4 80
Greenwood, Ind.....	4 45
Clarksburg, Ind.....	5 55
W. W. Dowling.....	7 50
D. H. Gary.....	5 00
J. Davidson..... ..	5 00
Mrs. A. Swift.....	5 00
Keosauqua, Iowa.....	5 00
Clay City, Ills.....	10 00
H. C. Wills.....	1 00
John Adair....	2 00
Jesse Neff.....	5 00
John Glover.....	5 00
Mrs. Ridgway.....	1 00
A. Holtzman.....	1 00
B. L. Bray.....	1 00
J. M. Rogers.....	2 00
E. E. Sluss.....	1 00
A. Balterton	1 00
Charlottsville, Va.....	3 20

William Gregg	5 00
E. Schofield	5 00
Mrs. Gregg	1 00
L. A. Glover	1 00
Dr. Thomas	2 00
W. F. Hanks	2 00
Mt. Healthy, O	7 78
J. M. Fisher	1 00
H. Renshaw	5 00
A. Graves	3 00
W. T. Bishop	5 00
A. W. Mathens	1 00
Dr. E. Williams	10 00
Greensburg, Ind	11 20
William Hanks	1 00
Boyer & Sefton	4 00
J. Goodman	1 00
W. F. Beyer	5 00
W. T. Berry	1 00
Dr. J. Mills	1 00
J. C. Fox	5 00
F. A. Grant	2 00
Lois Hollenshead	2 00
Dr. S. Van Meter	10 00
Dr. C. E Wilson	2 50
Mattoon, Ills, East Side	4 36
" " West "	3 01
G. W. Camp	10 00
Mrs. M. Sedam	5 00
Ovid Butler	5 00
Ills. State Convention	48 50
Sullivan, O	2 75
East Smithfield, Pa	6 50
Collected by Sister Cailiff	2 60
Mrs. J. Slade	5 00
Plymouth, Ills	4 00
Flat Rock, Ind	11 70
W. F. Black	20 00
G. F. Hillman	10 00
Mrs. J. P. Pope	50 00
M. Freybarger for Antioch	6 35
Mr. A. A. Gregg	1 00
Granville, Penn.	4 00
Hicksville, O	4 00
J. H. Bauserman	5 00
Mrs. J. H. Bauserman	2 00
Connersville, Ind	5 00
Ira J. Chase	20 00
Mrs. M. S. Belding	50 00
H. B. Goe	50 00
Charles Brown	20 00
Penn. State Convention	21 00
J. Laws	5 00
Church at Eminence, Ky	11 00
Church at Frankfort, Ky	5 00
Church at Mayslick, Ky	10 00
W. L. Crutcher	5 00
Church at Beargrass	10 00
" " Winchester	10 00
" " Mt. Bird	10 00
" " Lexington	24 00
" " Maysville	9 00
Kentucky State Convention	12 05
Collected by L. Redd	5 00
Collected by Brother Malott	68 31
Hymn Book Trustees	1189 06
Lexington, Ills	4 15
Eureka, Ills	11 57
Bloomington, Ills	17 28
Central S. S., Indianapolis	4 60
William Blake, Ind	2 00
Frankfort, Kentucky	15 00
R. L. Howe	20 00
Corydon, Ind	2 25
Dr. Whitsett	1 00
F. M. Kibbey	20 00
General Con. Collection	94 56
Ladies Society, Louisville	50 00
J. S. Lamar	20 00
Bowling Green, Ky	70
J. W. McGarvey	10 00
Macedonia, Ky	10 00
Hopkinsville, Ky	10 00
Joseph Sweeney	5 00
James Challen	5 00
W. T. Maupin	5 00
Mrs. R. M. Bishop	10 00
Cash	2 00
N. McLeod	5 00
F. F. Myers	5
James Leslie	5
W. O. Foley	5 0
G. S. Meyers	5
B, B. Tyler	10 00
John I. Rogers	5 00
L. Harruot	20 00
G. F. Carpenter	5 00
J. H. Harrison	5 00
Jacob Burnet	10 00
W. B. Emmal	1 00
H. N. Reubelt	1 00
L. Lane	2 00
Mrs. Naylor	1 00
J. A. Roberts	5 00
Greensburg, Ind	5 00
Hymn Book Trustees	943 11
Total	$4,671 10

SUMMARY.

Balance in Treasury last report,,.....		$ 187 29	
Received during the year,.....		4671 10	
			$4858 39
No.			
920	Order issued Bible School,.....	$75 00	
921	" " " "	25 00	
922	" " " "	50 00	
923	" " " "	20 00	
924	" " Mississippi Mission..	25 00	
925	" " Bible School.....	28 40	
926	" " Texas Mission.....	25 00	
927	" " Bible School.....	75 50	
928	" " " "	50 00	
929	" " Mississippi Mission.....	25 00	
930	" " Miss Cailiff...	21 95	
931	" " Thomas Munnell.....	235 29	
932	" " Mississippi Mission.....	65 00	
933	" " Texas Mission.....	25 00	
934	" " Bible School.....	25 00	
935	" " Corresponding Secretary..	206 35	
936	" " Alabama Mission.....	25 00	
937	" " Bible School.....	150 25	
938	" " Mississippi Mission.....	92 00	
939	" " Corresponding Secretary.....	196 49	
940	" " Mississippi Mission.....	50 00	
941	" " J. S. Hughes.....	35 40	
942	" " Mississippi Mission	25 00	
943	" " Bible School.....	30 00	
944	" " " "	50 00	
945	" " " "	37 16	
946	" " Book-keeping, 4 years.....	100 00	
947	" " Bible School.....	142 70	
948	" " " "	90 00	
949	" " " "	50 00	
950	" " Corresponding Secretary.....	391 10	
951	" " " " 1000 00		
952	" " Printing, Postage, etc.....	89 06	
953	" " Corresponding Secretary.....	233 36	
954	" " Sundry Accounts	91 75	
955	" " 2 yrs' Minutes, Blanks, stationery,	565 59	
956	" " Corresponding Secretary.....	377 52	
Total paid out in orders.....			$4,799.87
Balance in treasury.....			58.52

D. W. CHASE, Recording Secretary.

MINUTES

OF THE

FOREIGN CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

HELD AT LOUISVILLE, KY., OCT. 21, 1875.

A meeting was held in the interest of Foreign Missions, in the basement of the Christian Church, on the corner of Fourth and Walnut streets.

W. T. Moore occupied the chair; B. B. Tyler acted as secretary of the meeting. A constitution was adopted as follows:—

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. The name of this organization shall be "The Foreign Christian Missionary Society."

ART. II. Its object shall be to make disciples of all nations, and teach them to observe all things whatsoever Christ has commanded.

ART. III. This Society shall be composed of Life Directors, Life Members and Annual Members.

ART. IV. Its officers shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall be elected annually.

ART. V. The officers of the Society shall constitute an Executive Committee, who shall manage the affairs of the Society during the intervals of the Board meetings. A majority shall be competent to transact business.

ART. VI. Any member of the Church of Christ may become a Life Director by the payment of $500, which may be paid in five annual installments; or a Life Member by the payment of $100, in five annual installments; or an Annual Member by the payment of $10.

ART. VII. The officers of the Society and the Life Directors shall constitute a Board of Managers, who shall meet at least once a year for the transaction of business.

ART. VIII. The Board of Managers shall have power to appoint its own meetings, elect its own Chairman and Secretary, enact its own by-laws and rules of order, provided always that they be not incon-

sistent with the Constitution of this Society, fill all vacancies which may occur in their own body during the year, and if deemed necessary by two-thirds of the members present, at a regular meeting, convene special meetings of the Society. They shall establish such agencies as the interests of the Society may require, appoint missionaries, fix their compensation, direct their labors, make all appropriations to be paid out of the treasury, and present to the Society at each annual meeting a report of their proceedings during the past year. The action of the Board of Managers is subject to the revision of the Society.

ART. IX. The Treasurer shall give bond in such amount as the Board of Managers shall think proper.

ART. X. The annual meetings of this Society shall be held at the same time and place as those of The General Christian Missionary Convention (unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Managers) and its proceedings may be published as a part of the proceedings of that Convention.

ART. XI. This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Society, by a vote of two-thirds of all the members present, provided such amendment shall have been first recommended by the Board, or a year's notice shall have been given.

After the unanimous adoption of the above constitution, Bro. John B. Bowman moved that a Committee on permanent organization be appointed by the chair. The motion prevailed.

The chair appointed John B. Bowman, B. B. Tyler, W. F. Black, J. C. Reynolds and R. Moffett.

It was resolved that a Committee of this Society be appointed to confer with the Executive Committee of the General Convention, to arrange the future relations that may exist between these two bodies.

A. I. Hobbs, J. S. Lamar and R. M. Bishop were appointed.

On motion the meeting adjourned to assemble again at 4.30 this P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Foreign Christian Missionary Society assembled in the basement of the Christian Church on the corner of Fourth and Walnut streets at 4.30 P. M. pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

The Committee on permanent organization reported as follows:—

Presideut.—Isaac Errett.

First Vice President.—W. T. Moore; *Second.*—J. S. Lamar; *Third.*—Judge Jacob Burnet.

Recording Secretary.—B. B. Tyler.

Corresponding Secretary.—R. Moffett.

Treasurer.—W. S. Dickinson.

The report was adopted, the persons named in the report being voted for singly.

Bro. Blackwell was called out, and in a few appropriate remarks spoke of his desire from childhood to go to foreign lands and preach the gospel. He concluded by offering himself to the Society for any mission upon which they might desire to send him.

Bro. Lane, of Iowa, spoke of Bro. Blackwell's qualifications for the work. From an acquaintance of several years, he commended him to the brethren as suited to the work of a foreign missionary. A. I. Hobbs and Thomas Munnell spoke of the field to be cultivated.

On motion, A. I. Hobbs was appointed to confer with H. S. Earl, with reference to going to England as a missionary under the auspices of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society.

John Shackleford, Jr., David Walk, J. C. Reynolds and J. S. Lamar spoke with much feeling and great earnestness of the work of preaching the gospel to those who are in the darkness of heathenism.

On motion adjourned to meet at 7 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

Met at 7 P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

W. T. Moore moved that H. S. Earl be appointed our missionary to England, and that we furnish him such aid as will be in our power. Carried unanimously.

Moved that the President make an appeal for Life Directorships and Life Memberships at the close of the meeting of the General Convention this evening at his discretion. Carried.

Moved and adopted, that the Executive Committee be instructed to prepare and publish an address to the brotherhood concerning the objects and aims of this Society, and an appeal for means.

Moved that we request the General Convention to publish the minutes of this Society with the minutes of that Society. Adfourned.

ISAAC ERRETT, *President.*

B. B. TYLER, *Recording Secretvry.*

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This organization shall be called the *General Christian Missionary Convention.*

ART. 11. Its objects shall be the spread of the gospel in this and in other lands, according to the following plan of church co-operation.

Section 1. (*a*) There shall be a General Board and Corresponding Secretary.

(*b*) A Board and Corresponding Secretary for each State to co-operate with the General Board.

(*c*) District Boards in each State, and a Secretary in each district, whose duty it shall be to visit all the churches in his district in order to induce them to accept the missionary work as a part of their Christian duty.

Sec. 2. There shall be an annual convention in each district, the business of which shall be transacted by messengers appointed by the churches; an annual convention in each State, the businees of which shall be conducted by messengers sent from the churches of the State, it being understood, however, that two or more churches, or all the churches of a district, may be represented by messengers mutually agreed upon; and an annual general convention, the business of which shall be conducted by messengers from the State conventions.

Sec. 3. The General Convention shall annually appoint nine brethren, who. together with the Corresponding Secretaries of the States and the Presidents of the State Boards, shall constitute a General Board, who shall meet annually to transact the general missionary business, and appoint a committee of five to superintend the work in the intervals between their annual meetings.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the General Board and Corresponding Secretary to provide for and superintend missionary operations in destitute places not actually in State and district organizations, and to promote the harmonious co-operation of all the State and District Boards and Conventions.

Sec. 5. There shall be also a State Board and Corresponding Secretary in each of the States, elected annually by the messengers sent to the State Convention, and it shall be the duty of said Boards and Secretaries to manage the missionary interests in their respective States in harmony with the system of general co-operation.

Sec. 6. Each State shall be divided into districts of suitable limits by the State Board; the messengers from the churches of each district shall elect, at their annual conventions, a Board and a Secretary; and the business of each Secretary shall be to visit all the churches in his dictricts, and in co-operation with their own officers, induce them to contribute and send to the District Treasurer money for the support of missions.

Sec. 7. Each church, over and above the sums it may contribute for missionary work under its immediate control, shall give a pledge to pay annually to its District Treasurer a definite sum for other missionary work, and that one-half of such contributions may be under the control of the District Boards for missionary work in the districts, the other half to be sent to the State Board, to be divided equally between it and the General Board for their respective works; but this recommendation is not to be considered as precluding a different distribution of funds when the church contributing shall so decide.

Sec. 8. It shall be the duties of the Corresponding Secretaries of the General Board, the State Boards and District Boards, respectively, and of such other agents as the General Board may employ, to procure special contributions under the direction of the General Board, and used by it for the missionary work committed to their management.

Sec. 9. The churches shall send reports to the District Boards in time for District Conventions; the district shall send up reports to the State Boards in time for the State Conventions, and the State Boards shall send up reports to the General Board in time for the General Conventions, so that a report of all our missionary operations may appear in the Minutes of the General Convention.

Sec. 10. Each State Convention shall be entitled to two delegates in the General Convention, and to one additional delegate for every five thousand Disciples in the State.

ART. III. The officers of this Convention shall consist of a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, and three Corresponding Secretaries, who shall be chosen annually, and shall continue in office till their successors are elected.

ART. IV. The Treasurer shall be required to give bonds for such an amount as the Committee of five may determine.

ART. V. Seven members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. The Committee of five shall live in or near Cincinnati.

ART. VI. All life directors and life members of the American Christian Missionary Society shall be members of this Convention.

ART. VII. The annual meetings of this Convention shall be held in Cincinnati, on Thursday, at 2 P. M., after the third Lord's day in October, or at such other time and place as shall have been designated at a previous meeting.

ART. VIII. This Constitution may be altered by a two-thirds vote at any regular meeting of the Convention, but a year's notice of said change must be given, unless it is recommended by the Board.

BY-LAW—ADOPTED AT INDIANAPOLIS, 1870.

Resolved. That all members of the Church of Christ, who may attend the annual meetings of the "General Convention," shall be entitled to participate in its deliberations; and this is hereby adopted as a by-law of this Constitution.